Statement-II

Statewise Participation of Children in the 2nd National Connection on Child Labour in New Delhi

S.No.	State	No. of children
1.	Andhra Pradesh	95
2.	Bihar	101
3.	Chandigarh	10
4.	Delhi	60
5.	Gujarat	95
6.	Haryana	10
7.	Himachal Pradesh	12
8.	Karnataka	83
9.	Madhya Pradesh	9
10.	Maharashtra	110
11.	Orissa	100
12.	Punjab	21
13.	Rajasthan	18
14.	Tamil Nadu	144
15.	Uttar Pradesh	55
16.	Grand total	923

Denial of visas on extra Passport Sheets

*468 DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appear ing in the Times of India, New Delhi on 6th April, 1997 under the heading "Traveller suffer as visa on extra passport sheets is denied";

(b) whether it is fact that some of the Embassies/High Commissions, are refus ing to honour the documents and stamp visas on them; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard and the steps proposed to be taken by Government to safeguard the interests of Indians going abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) Government is aware that some Embassies and High Commissions have amended their visa regulations to issue visas only on passport booklets and not on additional visa sheets. Specific instances have also been brought to the attention of the Government by foreign missions where additional visa sheets have been illegally removed from one passport and affixed on another passport.

In view of the changed rcgualtions as well as the possibility of misuse of additional visa sheets, Government have advised all the Passport Issuing Authorities in India and Missions abroad to discontinue attaching of additional visa sheets and to instead issue a fresh passport booklet without any additional verifications. Fees charged for this -would be as for the normal passport i.e. Rs. 300 for standard size booklet and Rs. 500 for Jumbo booklet. Government is also encouraging the frequent travellers to obtain Jumbo passport booklets. To avoid delay in issue of replacement passport booklets, the instructions arc that the service should not take longer than 5 working days.

Pending Cases in MRTPC

*469. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI NAGMANI:

Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the break-up status of pending cases in the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission (MRTPC), as on date;

(b) whether any mega city-wisc/metropolitan city-wise. State-wise review regarding registration, disposal and pendency of cases in the MRTPC was udnerta-ken during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to strcngthen/reorient/rcstructure the MTRPC during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There were 3411 enquiries/cases pending in the MRTP Commission as on 31.3.1997. The break up of the enquiries/cases is as i under:

Unfair Trade Practice Enquiries	959
Restrictive Trade Practice Enquiries	1112
Monopolistic Trade Practice Enquiries	7
compensation Applications	1333

(b) Information with regard to registration, disposal and pendency of cases in the MRTP Commission is not maintained mega city-wisc/metropolitan city-wise or State-wise.

(c) The Government has adminstrative-ly strengthened the Commission by increasing the sanctioned strength of its Members from three to five in addition to Chairman with a view to speeding up the disposal of cases.

Indcntiflcation of Child Labour in Hazardous Industries

*470. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in pursuance of the recent Supreme Court decision, the child labour working in various hazardous industries have been, identified in the country;

(h) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; nnd

(c) thP details of assistance being provided by Government to the States for rehabilitation of the child labour engaged in such hazardous industries?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M, ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The Supreme Court of India, in its judgement dated 10th December, 1996 has given certain directions regarding the manner in which the children working in the hazardous occupations are to be withdrawn from work and rehabilitated as also the manner in which the working conditions of the children working in non-hazrdous occupations and to be regulated and improved upon. One of the important directions of the Court related to the conduct of survey on working children which is required to be completed within six months. The survey of working children is in progress.

As per the directions of Supreme Court, Child labour Rehabilitation-cum-Wclfare Fund is required to be created at the district level for the rehabilitation of children working in hazardous occupations. The offending employer are required to pay compensation @ Rs.20,000 per child to the welfare fund. The a'p-propriate Governments are also expected to contribute Rs. 5,000 to the welfare fund in the event of their inability to provide employment to one adult member of the family of the child withdrawn from work. The income generated out of the fund would be used for the rehabilitation of children. The cost of education of children working in non-hazardous occupations is required to be met by the concerned employer.

Funds amounting to Rs. 7.05 crore have been released to the State/U.T Governments for conducting the survey. 76 National Child Labour Projects are also under implementation as a part of the on-going programme for the re-habilitaiton of children withdrawn from work. During the year 1996-97, funds amounting to Rs. 25.87 crores were provided to the State Governments for implementation of these rehabilitation projects.

Saving electricity by using compact fluorescent lamps

*471. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any requrest for promoting compact fluorescent lamps in place of GLS and for saving electrictity by switching over from production of obsolete 40w tubes to 36w slim and long life fluorescent tubes by 2000 AD;

(b) whether some proposals like the use of electronic ballasts, etc. have also been received by Government;